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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD, PLAYBACK APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR

| The following are enclosed: X Specification (62 pages) |
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| X 22 Sheet(s) of Drawings |
| <pre>X 34 Claim(s) (including 15 independent claim(s)) This application contains a multiple dependent claim</pre> |
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Enclosed are papers constituting the above patent application which is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 without a signed Declaration. Please accord a filing date and a serial number to such application and inform the undersigned thereof so that a signed Declaration and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) may be duly filed.

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